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 4 Attorney's Docket No. MS1-769US
 5 Title: Locating Potentially Identical Objects Across Multiple Computers Based On
 Stochastic Partitioning Of Workload

6 **DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

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10 I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed
 11 below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the
 12 subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention
 13 entitled "Locating Potentially Identical Objects Across Multiple Computers Based
 14 On Stochastic Partitioning Of Workload," the specification of which is attached
 hereto.

15 I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified
 16 specification, including the claims.

17 I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the
 18 examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal
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